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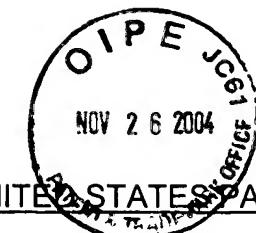
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §.1.98(d).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant(s) do(es) not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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